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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the application submitted herewith, consideration of the following remarks is requested. The present application is a continuing application of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/978,381 filed on November 25, 1997. The present application contains amendments to the specification.

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- (1) The application has been amended to reflect the continuing data.
- (2) The claims have been amended. As amended, the claims correspond to the pending claims in parent application Serial No. 08/978,381.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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